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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 16 sheets.

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1. Basis of the Report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language
of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the **title**,

- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

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☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3

- ☒ as suggested by the applicant.
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b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

NEW ABSTRACT

Methods and apparatus to maintain privacy while determining viewing of video-on-demand programs are disclosed. An example method for monitoring a displayed VOD program disclosed herein comprises determining a first set of metering information (320) based on a first set of data collected at a subscriber site (312, 316), determining a second set of metering information (324) based on a second set of data reported by at least one of a VOD server (304) and a head-end, determining a third set of data based on the second set of data, and combining the first and third sets of metering information to credit the displayed VOD program (328).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC: H04N 7/16(2007.01)

USPC: 725/2,4,9,10,14,23

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 725/2, 4, 9, 10, 14, 23

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
None.

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,872,588 A (ARAS et al.) 16 February 1999 (16.02.1999), see the document.	None.
A	US 2003/0208763 A1 (MCELHATTEN et al.) 06 November 2003 (06.11.2003), see the document.	None.
A	US 2003/0208767 A1 (WILLIAMSON et al.) 06 November 2003 (06.11.2003), see the document.	None.



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



See patent family annex.

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Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:
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Search terms: VOD, video on demand, monitoring content, monitoring VOD, metering, metering data, monitoring user.